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-Malirand Accommodations Increased. Bir months ago there were people even in six months ago there were people even in the distance with so little faith in the World's Fair set if the question had been put to them. "Will there be a World's Fair?" It would have at them in a quandary what to reply. Of source such people were in a vast minority, let still they were there, and, what is more, sade themselves heard in and out of season.

when an honest effort was made between the leaders of both to effect a reasonable modus vivendi, impatience at the slow progress received fresh impetus. Even those who had subscribed to the stock of the local corporation, or some of them at least, began to grow just a little nervous as to the outcome. Again, disquieting rumors were telegraphed abroad to the detriment of the Fair. Even when the differences had been adjusted between the two organizations by the appointment of Director-General Davis and the departments charged with the detail work of the Exposition, there were still not wanting those who prophesied at least a postponement of the Fair. Thus it has been from the start. Every item of bad news has received world-wide publicity, while the record of active work has been only partly told.

As a matter of fact, every exposition which

As a matter of fact, every exposition which has been held has invariably been inaugurated by a series of discussions, or, as unfriendly critics would say, wranglings among those intrusted with its administration. A set of World's Fair officials cannot be ready made. If the whole personnel of the late Paris Exposition had



World's Fair, but these people were usually read anything appearing in the papers in regard to the World's Fair. And, moreover, they made no secret of the fact that they had taken no interest in the World's Fair since the idea was first broached, declaring that sooner than have subscribed for any of the stock they would have pitched their money into the lake. But neither the lake nor the coffers of the Werld's Fair ever received any of their money.



THE CHICAGO BERALD BUILDING. Rew York Business Office, Room 50, Tribune Building, T. B. Elker, Manager.]

sotwithstanding that these prophets of evil salling themselves Chicavoans, and the World's Fair itself had to bear the brunt of their evil croakings, which by a singular mis-chance were loudest when a newspaper man was in the vicinity.

When the National Commission met here a pear ago there were people who expected that

been transplanted to Chicago, the chances are those who prefixed their statements with the that 90 per cent of them would have thrown conjession that they had long ago ceased to up their jobe long ago had they paid attention to the criticisms of those newspapers or indi-viduals who were either maliciously inclined or ignorantly informed of actual conditions.

Chicago is in earnest about the World's Fair.

The clean sweep which has been made in the

political arena. while it pleases some and vexes others, is generally admitted not to be an unmixed evil in leaving the decks clear for World's Fair action. Municipal reforms are in the air. For the next two years the city will busy itself preparing to entertain visitors in 1893. Etreets will be cleaned, smoke nuisance abated, dives rooted out, elevated railroads built, street car facilities multiplied, the parks beautified; in short, there is to be a general housecleaning preparatory to the arrival of the visitors. Already several monster hotels are in course of construction, and whole streets which are now lined with shantles will, in 1893, be flanked with ten to sixteen story buildings. The people of Chicago have begun to realize a little what a World's Fair means. Every fine Sunday afternoon suburban trains and street cars to Jackson. Park are loaded with sight-seors. Afready it is apparent that transporta-tion facilities will have to be many times multicars to Jackson Park are loaded with sightseors. Aiready it is apparent that transportation facilities will have to be many times multiplied for the convenience of the Chicago people sions. It is early yet for the facilities of
lake transportation to have been seriously
tested but the number of new yashts and
steamers in process of construction gives
promise that during the summer the waterway
will be considerably thronged with sightseers.

At the headquarters of the World's Columblan Exposition, which title, by the way, is
used on state occasions and official documents
to supplant the more familiar World's Fair,
business is humming. Two floors of the RandMcNally building, comprising nearly one
hundred offices are now occupied by the officials of the Exposition. The Director-General
atill has half a dozen departments to creata
and when these are in working order it is expected that it will be a close call for show
room in the Rand-McNally building. Chief of
Construction Burnham has already found it
necessary to put up a separate building at
Jackson Park for the use of the Construction
Department. Within the part few months it is
expected that the World's Fair will give employment to thousands of people, skilled artisans as well as day laborers: although the
supply of the latier is already somewhat in excess of the probable demand in the immediate
future.

The World's Fair is already a focus of attraction to all parts of the world. For months past
missionaries have been at work stirring upenthusiasm in those countries where it was
felt that the initiative might not be taken by
the home Governments. Every mail brings
neauring reports of the progress made by the
World's Fair emissaries. Other countries
which have not yet been visited by official
representatives of the Exposition have expressed a desire for the early appointment of
such. The Exposition executive has already
under consideration the anims of a sheal of
applicants for foreign dury. The merits of each
will be closely canvase



it would only be necessary to pass a resolution. and on the National Commission voting "aye" the World's Fair buildings would have imme-

distely begun to sprout at Jackson Park. The Mational Commission met and adjourned, but ballonal Commission met and adjourned, but he visible results, as far as the World's Fair buildings were concerned, marked the event. Later, when, owing to the bungling construc-tion of the act of Congress which left the ques-tion of authority between the national and seed organizations in an ambiguous state.

position in every part of the globe leaves no doubt that the international character of the show will be unsurpassed by any previous celebration of the kind. From New Zealand, Certon, Hong Kong, Jamaics, Japan, Constantinople, and various places in Great Britain one day's mail brought inquiries for information rewarding the Exposition. As illustrating the interest taken in the World's Fair in far off Japan, a letter received at headquarters to-day shows that while the Government of the Michael in favor of a very liberal appropriation for Japan's exhibit, the opposition party in the Japanese Parliament is ready to propose an

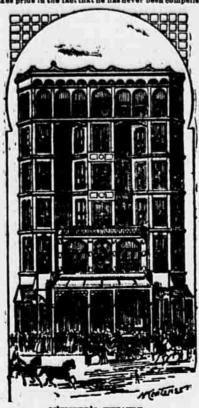
clared in favor of raising generally double the amount suggested at the opening of the Legisture. All this means success to the World's fair.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings and the Board of Architects, representing the leaders of the profession throughout the country, have at length evolved a plan of Exposition buildings which is simply stupendous. The money question has been lost sight of as far as being an obstacle, and no one talks newadays about such a thing as a possible abortage of funds. Anything from \$10,000,000 to \$30,000,000 is considered within reason to be expended on the grounds and buildings. That all this sum will be forthcoming no one for a moment doubts. An illustrating the supreme counfidence of the Chicago people in the outlook, at a recent meeting of one of the committees when the sum of \$10,000,000 was under discussion for World's Fair buildings the sommittee passed a resolution authorizing the expenditure of such a sum without a dissenting voice. Afterward it was discovered that in their deliberations they had regarded this amount as so assuredly within reach that the minutes of the meeting read as though such a sum had been appropriated for each building. This but shows how lightly the Exposition authorities regard the financial difficulties which a year ago were declared by croakers to be insurmountable. While on this subject it is only fair to say that the delinquencies in the subscription list have been grossly exaggerated. The stockholders of the world's Columbian Exposition are more numerous than in any joint stock corporation in 'he world. When it is considered that not a dollar has been subscribed with a view to profit, and that every cent of the original subscription of \$5,000.000 was subscribed for under the influence of an unprecedented enthusiasm throughout the city, it is hardly to be wondered at that a small percentage should have some beak on their first word. Many of these delinquents have failed in business, some are dead, others have left the city, and others sti

when the courts are through with the obstreygroup ones.

A REVIEW OF CHICAGO REAL ESTATE INTERESTS,
To talk about anything being as chasp as dirt in Chicase is about satisfaient to describing it as being as the
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case is about as indedicte a factor as it is possible to incase. Every expert has his own views or rather had
until a month or ive ago, since which time there has
been a disposition to conservatism among those who
had been ment sanguale of the quitook. But no one
will admit that there is anything lise a "boom" on
Kwaribose who delared months ago that values or
real estate had aiready advanced to hearly the top
notch have taken breach again and now admit that
prices may yet advance anywhere from 50 to 160 per
cent during the next few years. The market is wonderfully firm despite the enormous increase in values
which has aiready taken piace. For every piece of
property in the market there are a dozen bayers at the
first intimation of a slight reduction, and such a thing
as buying even a short time option on a piece of
property is aimset out of the question. Property is
high but it will undoubledly go much higher. That is
the verdict of every one who has an interest in reality.
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such a fancy price on them that commission brokers





AUDITORIUM BUILDING.

branch of trade must necessarily continue to boom in Chrisgif that is until the fall of the more will necessarily be plentiful. To pay the weekly installments with therefore be little or no trouble. Fresuming that the affecting about happen which the prophets of evil were loud to proclaim when the news reached here that the World's Fair was coming these small holders will then have paid sufficient on their lots to enable them to mortrage the same at a reasonable rate should it be necessary. For all practical purposes, the sreat bulk of the lets so enable rate should it be necessary. For all practical purposes, the sreat bulk of the lets considered out of the market bulk of the lets so enables out of the market bulk of the lets so enables out of the market bulk of the lets so enables of our real seasof firm that they had sold fits the world of lots in april inst is at least suggestive.

Of gourse, in the immediate neighborhood of Jackson Tark the advance in prices has been on a scale that undersany other circumstances would be considered outrageous. The only purchasers who might be tempted to look in that direction now are those who would expess. Le put up some kind of a building there from which a fortions might be made during the Arpediant of the prices and the process of the sense of the seller. To give figures of the advances which have occurred would read like a chapter in the history of keyada City, when men went to bed paupers which have courted would read like a chapter in the history of keyada City, when men went to bed paupers and awake milliousieres. Jackson Fark and, for that master, the World's Fair itself, to proximity to the World's Fair itself, to proximity to the World's Fair itself to the history of an attermath in which proximity and the proximity and the pr

world's Fair site. The certainty of an aftermath in each values make spirchasers chary, except in the case of these who expect to make a big winning when the sub of there.

But miles away from the Exposition site there has been a steady increase in value, and the hunt for good property is still as keen as ever. The natural increase in rent's no central residence sproperty has had the effect to distribute the homes of the people throughout the subtrals. Boarding house of the people throughout the subtrals. Boarding house which a year or two down to make room for tension? Butter and twelve to six tension from the control of the city, have been and twelve to six tension of the control of the city, have been story business house.

The invasion of tension? Butter districts by the boarding house wainly residents. Flat buildings have suit the may every direction until it would be an important of the laty Hail. In this manner the increase of the laty Hail. In this manner the increase world's Fair to a very direction until it would be an important of the laty Hail. In this manner the increase world's Fair or world's Fair. Down town property has increased by healthy langua, and will continue to increase world's Fair or no world's Fair. Down town property will never be cheaper than today, and the outlook for the real estate market is conceded on all sides to be favorable.

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Certain it is that for two years at least the top will not be reached.

S. E. GROSS.

Southeast corner of Dearborn and Randelph streets. If one were to imagine a rigantic cart wheel realing horizontally with its hub impaled on the Auditorium tower, and about direct his mental vision along those spokes whiched not point toward Lake Michigan, he would discover at the outer end of such of them a branch real estate office of Samuel E. Orose's Morth, south, west, northwest, southwest—susually in the neighborhood of a cluster of attractive modern cottague—those single-story frame temporary offices of this tremeadously senter.

efficient men who by study and experience have become experts in their various departments.

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OWNED BY GRM, GRANT AND THE VANDERBILLE—
TWENTE A GREE OF CHICAGO PROPERTY
WITH A HISTORY.
It will be remembered that when Gen. Grant got inte
financial difficulty, on account of the rackies matheds
of Ferdinand Ward's management of the Marine Bank,
the Vanderbits oftered tera, tirant assistance by loan
without security, but he requised to accept a doing unless the could furnish ample security. The General
owned twenty acres of land in Chicago and this he gave
the Vanderbits to secure them. It afterward passed
into their bands, then to fir, Ispaew, and this property
is now owned by Mr. Buller Lower and Enown as the
Crawford avenue tract, is platted, and is now being
told in ringle lots.

THE HOTELS OF CHICAGO. THE THEATRES OF CHICAGO.

M'VICKER'S THEATRE.

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hallway leads to the gentlement of Jackson street. On the opports side of this corridor are enirances to the private office the cigar and newspaper counters and the barber shop. To the left of the clerks desk is a telephone room, a very large check room, and a corridor are on the office hoor. The main stairway and passenger elevator land on the parior floor at a grand promenade, luxuriously turnished, and lighted from a large covered court extenditus to the roof, and with balconies surrounding it on every floor. On the parior nor are the bridge chamber two suites of grand pariors several family suites, four diming rooms so arranged that they can be converted into one room to seat eighty or more persons, a separate dining room, a club room and a committee room, each of large size, a serving room, and committee room, each of large size, a serving room, and first-class hotels.

THE OFFICE FLOOR.

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When Mr. H. V. Bemis opened "The Richelieu" in We We We will also be revised the woold give them as nearly as two peans hotel, embodying the modern European ideas of the surfice of the surfice surfices the bridge of the same surfices and and prices as reasonable as means private houses, and as prices as reasonable as we have a surfice and the surfices and the

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THE LELAND HOTEL

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A moders built ireproof and strictly first-class European plan hotel. Two hundred and strictly first-class European plan hotel. Two hundred and sir glesganty furnished rooms, each with natural light, are, and parfect ventilation. Better protected against the than any other hotel in the country. The halis are all wide and straight having numerous ontside stairways and fire scapes besides a new and unique system of alarmine each room by mend-the first hotel to adopt this valuated device. Location Susurpassed, being in close prezimity to the Peat Office, new Board of Trade, and Exposition building opposite the Lake shore and Hock island, convenient to the wholesale and retail stores, and to all depets and places of amusement and interest. A strictly first class rectaurant attached, where the service is unsurpassed.

During the peat year expensive improvements have been made under the direct personal supervision of its william McCoy, the proprietor and owner, The work of cleanaging descripting on the large flaing new scan the troud floor to the seventh celling shrough the strict hining, and wholesome as new. This is one of the best and most iterally managed hotels in the country; a quiet hotel of cuviable reputation, particularly desirable for its central location.

THE PENNSTLVANIA RAILWAY.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY.

There is no railroad in the world upon which science has been given a broader sway, and modern inventions which could add to the comfort, convenience, or safety of passengers have known more scillatingly well-counted. The line is laid with double track, the whole distance from how fork to Pittsburgh and in addition three and even four tracks through the most populous districts.

A map of the Fennsylvania system will reveal the rast extent and scope of the integral parts of the imposes organization. Its main line reaches from how fort and Philadelphia on the Atlantic coast of Tittsburgh on the Chief Bire, while including coast of Tittsburgh on the Chief Bire, while including coast of Tittsburgh on the Chief Bire, while including the own.

CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN BAILWAY.